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1 – Report on Louisiana cancer rates finds ‘results are mixed’ on link between industry and cancer, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 4/9/19

<https://www.nola.com/environment/2019/04/report-on-louisiana-cancer-rates-finds-results-are-mixed-on-link-between-industry-and-cancer.html>

A recently released Louisiana Tumor Registry report found “results are mixed” on the rate of cancer in communities in the area dubbed “Cancer Alley” by some environmentalists and residents for their proximity to chemical plants running along the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge past New Orleans

2 – Chevron Phillips to report plastic pellet spills, shareholder says, Houston Chronicle, 4/9/19

<https://www.chron.com/business/energy/article/Chevron-Phillips-to-report-plastic-pellet-spills-13753606.php>

Less than two weeks after Exxon Mobil became the first major oil company to agree to report plastic pellet pollution to investors, another major petrochemical company has followed suit under pressure from activist shareholders.

3 – Trump to issue executive orders seeking to speed up oil and gas projects, Washington Post, 4/9/19

<https://wapo.st/2GdDOyK>

President Trump is planning to issue a pair of executive orders on Wednesday to “help American energy companies avoid unnecessary red tape” by making it easier for firms to build oil and gas pipelines and harder for state agencies to intervene, according to the White House.

4 – EPA says Sunday's storms helped with ITC Deer Park cleanup, KHOU, 4/9/19

<https://www.khou.com/article/news/epa-says-sundays-storms-helped-with-itc-deer-park-cleanup/285-764ba526-7167-4067-8fdb-b3974358750d>

Members of New Mexico’s congressional delegation on Tuesday announced legislation preventing the sale of oil and gas leases on federally owned lands in a 10-mile radius surrounding Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

5 – Delegation moves to create buffer around Chaco, Albuquerque Journal, 4/9/19

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1301337/delegation-moves-to-create-buffer-around-chaco.html>

In 2005, a private company called Port Arthur Steam Energy began taking exhaust heat from

one nearby plant and converting it into steam, which it sold to another plant to use in refinery processes.

6 — EDITORIAL: Protecting Chaco Canyon matters to all New Mexico, Santa Fe New Mexican, 4/9/19

https://www.santafenewmexican.com/opinion/editorials/protecting-chaco-canyon-matters-to-all-new-mexico/article_f22c9175-3966-5735-bb5b-ba1cb98aeca9.html

Efforts by New Mexico's congressional delegation to create a buffer zone around Chaco Canyon to protect the landmark are essential to safeguard this sacred place.

7 – OPINION: Clean Water rollback a nightmare for Rio Grande, Albuquerque Journal, 4/10/19

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1301493/clean-water-rollback-a-nightmare-for-rio-grande.html>

Several decades ago, the Santa Fe River was more like a dry arroyo than a river, more a place where La Llorona roamed, crying in search of her dead children. As arroyo-haunting goes, the Santa Fe River was fair game.

8 – EPA to List Nonstick Toxics as Hazardous Substances This Year, Bloomberg, 4/9/19

<https://news.bloombergenvironment.com/environment-and-energy/epa-to-list-nonstick-toxics-as-hazardous-substances-this-year-1>

The EPA for the first time plans to list ubiquitous nonstick chemicals as hazardous substances under the nation's Superfund law by year's end, the agency's top drinking water official said April 9.

9 – 'Astonishing' delay 30 years after first climate hearing, E&E News, 4/10/19

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2019/04/10/stories/1060151849>

Participants from Congress' first-ever climate hearing returned yesterday to Capitol Hill, and it wasn't for a victory lap. Former Colorado Sen. Tim Wirth and Princeton University scientist Michael Oppenheimer said the harm they talked about 30 years ago is already happening, but the political system seems even less capable of addressing it.

10 – Contractors: KMCO knew of valve leak before Texas plant fire, E&E News, 4/9/19

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2019/04/09/stories/1060150885>

Three contractors who worked at a Houston-area chemical plant say in a lawsuit that the company knew a flammable gas was leaking before a deadly fire erupted but did not order an evacuation.

11 – Global warming shrinking glaciers faster than thought, study finds, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 4/9/19

<https://www.nola.com/environment/2019/04/global-warming-shrinking-glaciers-faster-than-thought-study-finds.html>

Earth's glaciers are melting much faster than scientists thought. A new study shows they are losing 369 billion tons of snow and ice each year, more than half of that in North America.

12 – Court tosses challenge to Obama rule, E&E News, 4/10/19

<https://www.eenews.net/energywire/2019/04/10/stories/1060151197>

A federal appellate court yesterday closed out an industry lawsuit against the Obama administration's original rule for emissions from oil and gas development on public lands. President Trump's Bureau of Land Management last year finalized a revised regulation, which gutted the Obama-era standards.

13 – HFD: Cleanup of overturned tanker truck in Heights could take hours, Houston Chronicle, 4/10/19

<https://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Overturned-tanker-truck-causes-evacuation-of-13753086.php>

The Houston Fire Department reports its HazMat team is in the process of off-loading the product from the overturned tanker truck at W. 6th St. and Rutland in the Heights.